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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action of March 3, 2005, in the above identified application. In that Office Action, the Examiner had held the prior submitted Declaration under Rule 131 to be ineffective to overcome the Huffman U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0087666 reference. Applicants greatly appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of the Examiner in discussing the basis for this rejection with applicants' attorney, and this Amendment has been prepared consistent with those discussions.

Applicants are accordingly submitting herewith a revised Declaration under Rule 131, which Declaration has been executed by all three of the co-inventors of this application. Further in the revised Declaration applicants have explained and pointed out how the various data files and program files were employed during the successful operation and reduction to practice of their invention prior to the effective date of the Huffman reference.

Applicants therefore submit that the revised Declaration now satisfies all the requirements of Rule 131 and that accordingly the Huffman reference has been removed as an effective prior art reference with respect to their invention, as set forth in their claims 1-22.